

Norphlet Chemical Report
Week of March 31 through April 5, 2008
Evert Talbot

The recycling and recovery of Trichloroethylene, other usable solvents and HF acid at the plant is still under way. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the 15th of this month. The recovered TCE, 131, 132, 133 and HF acid will amount to about 75%. This will make Tulstar very happy. At the present time, there are 14 totes of "heavies or tars" to be disposed of. This number will probably climb to 20 by the time the project is completed. We are hopeful that this material can be sent to Clean Harbors here in El Dorado, Arkansas. The tank cleaning process will begin next week.

Testing at the Denver Pilot plant with C & MI began this week and will continue for about 4 to 5 weeks. Ronnie Jackson is planning a trip to Denver to be on site for a specific run of these tests. Yuichi Iikubo is also planning a trip to C & MI in Denver before the end of his month.

The security building was basically finished this week which included telephones, furniture, sewer, water, electricity, air conditioning and skirting of the trailer.

At this time, the Fluoromer group including Iikubo and Stephen Owens is expected to be at the plant on the 16th and 17th of this month. As suggested by Bob James, the board members and the operating group will have a separate meeting with them prior to the formal board meeting. During this meeting, we will be briefed on the progress of their consulting activities to date and the schedule for the future.

Bradford Boyce called last Friday and has requested a meeting with me on the 18th of March in Baton Rouge. He will be in town on other business and just wanted to meet for a brief update on Norphlet.

While at the NPRA annual event in San Antonio last week, all of the refrigerant producers inquired about the status of Norphlet and the anticipated capacity to produce 134a. It is apparent that we are on their radar screen for the coming months.

At this time, it appears that the selling price of 134a is still gradually improving.

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